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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

The extent of Duke's request exceeds what I think is a fair deal. The thought that Duke is getting us to pay for their mistakes on waste storage and handling and pollution control is troubling. The stock holders of Duke need bare the brunt of this in their investment choice and force Duke Management to step up focus on preventing these issues and eat the costs as corporate expenses, not customers pocketbooks.

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Sincerely,
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